

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahiro Ito

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For: ENCODING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, RECORDING
APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND DECODING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

Atty Docket: 0121/0058

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Cancel claims 1-16.

Amend claims 17 and 18.

Add new claims 19 and 20.